

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 13, line 29 through page 14, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

Construction of suitable expression vectors is within the level of ordinary skill in the art. Many types of suitable expression vectors corresponding to the present invention are commercially available, for example, pcDNA1, pcDNA/Neo, pTracer<sup>TM</sup>-CMV2, pCMV, pEF, pIND, pIND(SP1), pcDNA3.1, pcDNA4, pcDNA6, pEF1, pEF4, pEF6, pEBG *etc.*, commercially available from various sources (see, for example, Invitrogen, Carlsbad, Calif., U.S.A., catalog as posted on <http://www.invitrogen.com>). These vectors can be modified to include a nucleic acid sequence encoding a tag, for example, GST-, Myc-, HA-, *etc.*, operably linked to a promoter, for example but not limited to, EF-1 $\alpha$  promoter, suitable for expressing the tagged polypeptide. Vectors comprising various promoters, for example, EF-1 $\alpha$  promoter, are commercially available from many sources (for example, Invitrogen, Carlsbad, Calif., U.S.A., catalog as posted on <http://www.invitrogen.com>).